

**TOWN OF
GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012
4097 HIGHWAY 42 FISH CREEK WI
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present were Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske, Mike Ashley, Marne Kaeske and Carol Olson.

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Hackbarth verified the agenda had been properly noticed. *It was moved by Buske and seconded by Hackbarth to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.*

Approve Minutes: *It was moved by Buske and seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.*

Chair Report: None

Sub-Committee Reports:

Gardens: Landscape updates were presented from GHA. Buske stated that in front of the Noble Square, arbor vitae has been thinned and relocated to the airport and Spruce Park. She removed some barberry from Spruce Park and Sailor Sam's now has more native plants that will allow for less maintenance. She stated the mulch around town looks great! The plants in front of Cooper's Corner look sparse, but it was previously decided to not do too much there because the trucks in and out of that driveway crush them. Garlic mustard at Sunset needs to be sprayed.

Invasive Species: Carrie Hagenow is the new DCIST. Kaeske will take on the role as liaison. Noble Square has some honeysuckle that needs someone to remove, looking for volunteers. Marne will take care of.

Chambers Island Lighthouse: MaryAnn Blahnik present. Lighthouse is open. There is a need for a new lawn mower, would like to budget this for next year. Both lawn mowers are currently in need of repair. The lighthouse walk is coming up.

Review and Discuss Wisconsin DNR Forester's Report: Town Maintenance has been directed to remove Scotch Pines, hasn't been completed yet. Buske stated the report is rather vague. Kaeske disagreed and said we should decide on a vision for the Park. A thinning technique has been recommended. Sustainable forestry is the goal. Olson suggested a walk-thru; possibly mark what needs to be removed for maintenance. We need to prioritize the areas according to our vision and determine if any planting needs to be done as well as thinning.

Approve Bids for Sign Painting: # 9 – One bid has been received to paint and apply protective coating to base of posts (to protect against the weed-wacker damaging posts). Discussion about

whether the protection is necessary and if that would look bad after awhile. Olson will look into other options for eight posts, something dark would be better to prevent staining. *It was moved by Hackbarth and seconded by Ashley to approve the sign painting proposal by Fleetwood Custom Home to paint the Welcome sign, Spruce Park, Clark Park, Sunset Beach and Fish Creek Beach signs Motion carried.*

#10 – Additional signs around town to be painted since our budget allows. Two large signs in front of the community center, small signs at Fish Creek Park and the brown and white sign at Sunset Beach are next in priority. We should get on a rotation to paint these signs on a regular basis. Welcome sign paint could last 10-15 years if done right. The Fish Creek trail might need replacements in the future. *It was moved by Olson and seconded by Buske to approve sign painting bid by Fleetwood Custom for the additional signs at the community center, Sunset Park (brown & white) and smaller signs at Fish Creek Park. Motion carried.*

Tree Planting – Noble Square Park (GHA Request): There are three potential locations for tree planting. A large Elm or Oak would be preferred but since the larger trees are harder to find and stumps need to be removed we may have to wait. A box Elder may need to be removed; they are messy and drop branches. Kaeske likes the species selection. *It was moved by Hackbarth and seconded by Kaeske to approve the tree planting request of the trees proposed and locations. The expenses are to be covered by GHA including stump grinding and removal of box Elders. Motion carried*

GHA Request for Fundraising Assistance for Trees at Noble Square Park: Donations have been received and everything is in good shape. Further assistance is not needed at this time. *It was moved by Hackbarth and seconded by Ashley to not participate in fundraising efforts at this time. Motion carried.*

Ad for Masonry Bid – Sunset Park: It was suggested by Olson to not run an ad rather send a few letters to multiple masons in the area. It will be a big job, may take a few years. We should request a breakdown of stages. Change ad to a request for proposal and mail to area masons and post in the Advocate. *It was moved by Buske and seconded by Olson to change the ad to a request for proposal, mail to various masons and post an ad. Motion carried.*

May Newsletter: Buske suggests an update of what Park and Lands has been doing, what we did last year and projects for this year should be included. Bullets from the annual town meeting will be given to Buske to write something for the newsletter.

Bench Request Policy/ The Giving Tree: Buske stated, we should never turn away anyone interested in donating money for a bench or anything for the Town. Olson suggested a “beautify our town” fund with a monument that recognizes people and can be added to over time. It would be better to encourage people to donate to the town for general funds; whether its benches, trees or flowers etc. The granite rock in Fish Creek Park was originally meant for donors. Olson will look into other options and report back next month.

FCCA Request: The Fish Creek Civic Association has requested a new electrical box at the SE corner of Clark Park. A bid has been received to cover the costs at FCCA’s expense. *It was*

moved by Olson and seconded by Buske to approve the request at the SE corner Clark Park by the Fish Creek Civic Association for the new electrical box and service. FCCA will cover the expenses and return park turf to original condition. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Need to schedule a time for all groups to go out to the island.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 19, 2012 at 8 a.m. – Gibraltar Town Center

Adjourn: *It was moved by Ashley and seconded by Olson to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Murre, Administrative Assistant